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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: FAHMY'S QUERY RE US POLICY TOWARD LIBYA

REF: CAIRO 11746

1. REPORT OF TUHAMI'S TALE IS DISAPPOINTING BUT
PERHAPS NOT TOO SURPRISING GIVEN HIS OPERATING
DIFFICULTIES HERE. I HAD HOPED AND STILL HOPE DEVELOP
MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM (AS I HAD
WITH HIS PREDECESSOR BRIGADIER SAADANI) WITHIN LIMITS
OF PRUDENCE REQUIRED BY LOCAL ATMOSPHERE. ACCORDINGLY
I CALLED ON HIM, ENTERTAINED HIM, AND SUGGESTED WE
MAINTAIN DISCREET CONTACT. HOPEFULLY HE WILL RECIPROCATE.

2. REGARDING "EARLY WARNING STATIONS" THERE IS CON-
TINUOUS PRARADE OF U.S. BUSINESSMEN TO TRIPOLI SEEKING
TO PEDDLE VARIOUS WARES NO DOUBT INCLUDING COMMUNICATION
EQUIPMENT. MOST ARE REPUTABLE, SOME ARE ADVENTURERS.
THOSE IN LATER CATEGORY OFTEN DO NOT CHECK IN WITH
EMBASSY. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT NORTHROP PAGE
REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE BEEN IN TOWN (WITHOUT
EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE) IN PAST FEW MONTHS IN CONNECTION
WITH EFFORTS TO REVIVE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM DEAL. SUCH
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VISITS COULD HAVE GIVEN RISE TO TUHAMI'S SUSPICIONS. WE
WOULD HOPE THAT IN FUTURE TUHAMI WILL CHECK OUT SUCH
STORIES BEFORE REPORTING THEM.
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